

BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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JACK BOUCHIER, D.O.)	STIPULATION AND CONSENT
Holder of License No. 0800 for the)	ORDER FOR PROBATION
practice of osteopathic medicine in the)	
State of Arizona.)	
_____)	

STIPULATION

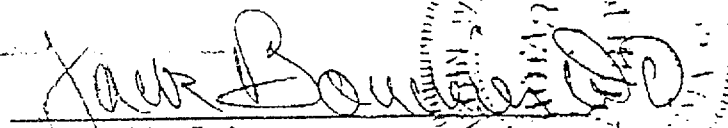
By mutual agreement and understanding, the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners (hereafter "Board") and Jack Bouchier, D.O. (hereinafter "Respondent"), the parties hereto agree to the following disposition to this matter.

1. Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Stipulation and the attached Consent Order; and, Respondent is aware of and understands the content of these documents.
2. Respondent understands that by entering into this Stipulation, he voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing on the matters alleged as grounds for Board action or to seek judicial review of the Consent Order in state or federal court.
3. Respondent understands that this Stipulation and Consent Order will not become effective unless approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
4. Respondent further understands that this Stipulation and Consent Order, once approved and signed, shall constitute a public records which will be disseminated as a formal action of the Board.
5. Respondent admits to the statement of facts and conclusions of law contained in the Stipulated Consent Order.

6. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent administrative proceedings or litigation involving the Board, Respondent and the State of Arizona; and, therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended for any other purpose or administrative regulatory proceeding or litigation in another state or federal court.

7. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, he may not later revoke or amend this Stipulation or any part of the Consent Order, without first obtaining Board approval.

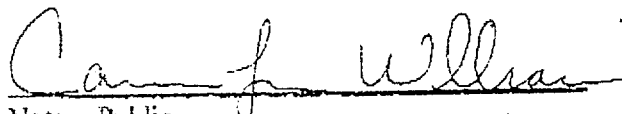
REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED this 22 day of August, 2000.



Jack Bouchier, D.O.

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss
County of Maricopa)

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 22 day of August, 2000 by the above-named individual.



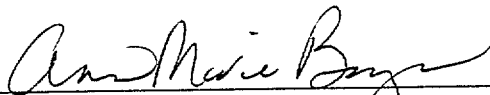
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

7/2/02

REVIEWED AND APPROVED as to form by counsel for Respondent on this ____ day of August, 2000.

REVIEWED AND SIGNED this 2nd day of August, 2000 for the Board by:



Ann Marie Berger, Executive Director
Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine
and Surgery

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FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND
CONSENT ORDER FOR PROBATION

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery (hereafter "Board") is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-1800 through - 1871 to regulate the licensing and practice of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

2. Respondent is a licensee of the Board and holds License No. 0800 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

3. The Board obtained information that Respondent may be medically and/or psychologically unable to safely and skillfully engage in the practice of medicine and may have committed one or more acts of unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1854.

4. On or about April 20, 2000 the Board received information from Navopache Regional Medical Center that a patient in the Emergency Room had smelled alcohol on Respondent's breath. Respondent began his ER shift at 7:00 a.m. A blood test was performed at approximately 11:30 a.m. which would have calculated the blood alcohol level at 7:00 a.m. to 150 mg per decimeter at 7:00 a.m. which would have made Respondent legally intoxicated. Upon questioning Respondent stated that he had drank 7-8 vodka martinis late the night before his 7:00 a.m. shift.

5. On April 21, 2000 the Board's Executive Director issued an Order for Random Urine

Drug Screens for Respondent. The Order required Respondent to be tested within sixty minutes of the request.

6. On or about July 22, 1999 Christine Turley, R.N. informed her supervisor, Shelly Jo Shackett, R.N. at Navopache Regional Medical Center that a patient had informed her that Respondent had alcohol on his breath. No testing was done at that time.

7. On or about February 23, 2000 patient M.W. informed hospital staff as well as her personal physician, Brad Chintis, D.O., that Respondent had alcohol on his breath. No testing was done at that time.

8. On or about April 26, 2000 the Executive Director called Respondent at home at approximately 9:00 a.m. and left a message for him to go into testing prior to 11:00 a.m. The Executive Director then called the Navopache Regional Medical Center at 9:05 a.m. to see if Respondent was on duty. Respondent's wife, Darlene Bouchier, D.O. told the Executive Director that Respondent was at home but possibly asleep. The Executive Director then called Respondent at home and left another message for him to call her immediately. Respondent returned the call at approximately 1:30 p.m. Respondent's voice was slurred and he provided an extremely detailed account of where he had been all morning but would go in for testing now. Respondent had trouble remembering what medication he had taken over the past year until reminded by Board staff. Respondent did admit to prescribing Soma for his wife, which he took occasionally. Respondent went in for testing at 2:30 p.m. and tested positive for alcohol.

9. In public session, the Board voted on April 29, 2000 that Respondent was medically and/or psychologically unable to engage in the practice of medicine and was an immediate threat to the health and welfare of the public. Respondent's license to engage in the practice of osteopathic

medicine was summarily suspended.

10. On or about May 14, 2000 Respondent entered into treatment for alcoholism at Springbrook Northwest Rehabilitation Center (hereinafter "Springbrook"). Respondent successfully completed treatment at Springbrook and was discharged on July 20, 2000.

11. On or about August 19, 2000 Respondent appeared before the Board to request reinstatement of his medical license under probationary terms and conditions including monitoring. The Board voted to agree to the terms and conditions of this Stipulated Consent Order at a public meeting on August 19, 2000.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 32-1800, et seq., the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery has subject matter and personal jurisdiction in this matter.

2. The Board has the authority to enter into a stipulated order for disciplinary action against a license, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1061(D), A.R.S. § 32-1855 and A.R.S. § 32-1861(D).

3. The Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1854 by violating federal and state statutes and regulations:

(4) Being diagnosed by a physician licensed under this chapter or chapter 13 of this title or a psychologist licensed under chapter 19.1 of this title as excessively or illegally using alcohol or a controlled substance.

(40) Any conduct or practice that endangers a patient's or the public's health or may reasonably be expected to do so.

(41) Any conduct or practice that impairs the licensee's ability to safely and skillfully practice medicine or that may reasonably be expected to do so.

4. Based upon the Findings of Fact set forth above herein, the Board concludes that it

has the requisite factual basis and legal authority to order Respondent's license under the following terms and conditions of probation.

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by A.R.S. § 32-1855 and A.R.S. § 41-1061(D),

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Jack Bouchier, D.O. ("Respondent"), Board License Number 0800, will be placed under **PROBATION** for five (5) years and he shall comply with the terms and conditions of probation as set forth herein:

2. From the date of this Order, Respondent shall obtain psychiatric or psychological treatment by a therapist(s) who is either a licensed psychiatrist and/or psychologist and is selected by Respondent and approved by the Board. Respondent shall comply with the therapist recommendation for the frequency of therapy treatment sessions. Respondent shall inform the Board by letter (mailed within ten days of the date of this Order) of the therapist's name; and, Respondent shall undertake and fully cooperate with a program of treatment established by the therapist. In the event Respondent changes therapists, he shall give the Board written notice within ten (10) days of said action. Respondent shall not discontinue or reduce the frequency of psychotherapy sessions until he has submitted a written request to the Board and obtained Board approval.

3. Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine for more than twenty-seven hours per week.

4. Respondent's therapist(s) shall receive a copy of this Order and Board Staff shall cooperate with and disclose all relevant information in the Board's files concerning Respondent. The treating therapist shall be directed by Respondent to send to the Board a detailed written progress

report every month for the remainder of the probation; and Respondent, shall waive any confidentiality concerning his psychotherapy in order that the Board may receive full disclosure of information. The expense of the aforementioned therapy and the reports to the Board by Respondent's therapist shall be the sole responsibility of the Respondent.

5. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order and any subsequent Orders to all facilities where Respondent is currently (or subsequently) employed as a physician and/or has (or subsequently receives) privileges to engage in the practice of medicine; and, Respondent shall continue to make the aforementioned disclosure and provide copies of this Consent Order until the expiration of this Order. Respondent shall also provide a copy of this Order to all treating physicians and therapists for the remainder of his probation.

6. Respondent may have his license to practice as an osteopathic physician restricted, suspended or revoked by the Board in the future if:

- (A) The Board finds that Respondent does not have the requisite mental, physical and emotional fitness to safely continue the practice of medicine; or,
- (B) There are new grounds for finding unprofessional conduct concerning Respondent; or,
- (C) Fails to comply fully with the terms and conditions of this Order.

7. Respondent shall abstain completely from the consumption of alcoholic beverages; and, Respondent shall not consume illicit drugs or take any controlled substances (i.e., prescription only drugs), unless such medication is prescribed for him by his treating physician. Respondent shall maintain a monthly log (for the duration of probation) of all prescription only drugs taken by him and such log shall include the following information:

- (a) the name of the medication;

- (b) name of prescribing physician;
- (c) reason for the medication.

At the first of each month, Respondent shall report by letter to the Board whether or not he is taking any prescription only medication and, if so, a copy of his log reflecting the above information.

8. Respondent shall also, as part of his probation: (A) submit to and cooperate in any independent medical or psychological evaluation that is ordered by the Board for Respondent and conducted by the Board's designated physician and/or psychologist which shall be paid for by Respondent; and (B) appear before the Board, upon receipt of a request by written or telephonic notification from the Board's executive director which shall be given at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting; and, (C) submit to random biological fluid testing and promptly provide (i.e., within sixty (60) minutes of notification) required biological fluids for testing and said testing shall be done at the Respondent's expense.

9. Respondent shall participate in a minimum of four (4) self-help meetings per week through such organizations as A.A., N.A., C.A. and doctor's Caduceus group. Respondent shall keep a log of all meetings attended and have the log signed by the chairperson of the meeting. Respondent will provide the Board with a copy of the signed log the first of every month.

10. In the event Respondent moves and ceases to practice medicine in Arizona, he shall give written notice to the Board of his new residence address within twenty (20) days of moving; and, the terms and duration of probation may be stayed by the Board until Respondent returns to practice medicine in Arizona.

11. Respondent shall reimburse the Board for all expenses associated with the

investigation, hearing and continued monitoring of this matter.

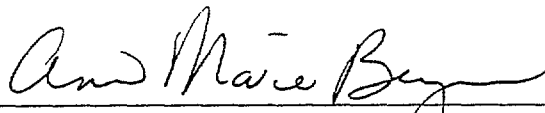
12. Respondent shall continue to meet all licensing requirements such as continuing medical education and renewal requirements including applicable fees pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1825.

13. Respondent's failure to comply with the requirements of this Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct as defined at A.R.S. § 32-1854(26), as amended, and may be considered as grounds for further disciplinary action (e.g., suspension or revocation of license) in the event that Respondent fails to comply with any of the requirements of this Order.

ISSUED this 22nd day of August, 2000.

ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

By:


Ann Marie Berger, Executive Director

Served by personal service or
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